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New Regulations Regarding Hazardous Waste Manifest Discrepancies

Sacramento - The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the approval of emergency regulations regarding reporting hazardous waste manifest discrepancies involving explosive or poisonous wastes. The regulations, effective April 4, 2002, promote terrorism preparedness by implementing procedures for enhanced reporting of manifest discrepancies involving wastes that hold potential for use as weapons of terror. The new regulations affect hazardous waste facilities receiving explosive or poisonous wastes from other locations.

Director Ed F. Lowry observed, "We are complying with Governor Davis's directives to use our best practices to increase vigilance over hazardous waste. These new regulations are only part of a comprehensive plan by DTSC working as a partner with state, local and federal offices."

The new manifest discrepancy reporting procedure applies to hazardous wastes that are explosive or poisonous and are identified under 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) as hazard classes 1.1 to 1.6 and hazardous class 6.1. Under the new procedure:

- Hazardous waste facilities receiving explosive or poisonous wastes, as defined in 49 C.F.R., are required to report unresolved manifest discrepancies to the DTSC by calling the complaint hotline at 1-800-69-TOXIC within 24 hours after the discrepancy has been discovered. Facilities are also required to submit a discrepancy notification to the DTSC in writing within five days of discovering the discrepancy.
- DTSC has clarified existing procedures for submitting written manifest discrepancy notifications for all hazardous waste by providing an address where all notifications are to be sent. Written notification is to be sent to the Compliant Coordinator in either the Northern California or Glendale Regional Office.

A fact sheet was sent out by DTSC on April 4, 2002 notifying hazardous waste facilities of the new requirements. The fact sheet and the regulations are available on the DTSC website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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"The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov."